GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION PACKAGE FOR POOR AND HELPLESS WIDOWS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to offer a rehabilitation package to the poor and helpless widows living in various religious cities of the country;

(b) if so, whetheer the same package is likely to be given to the poor and helpless widows of Bihar also;

(c) whether a list of poor and helpless widows of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal has been prepared for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)
(a)&(b) The Government of India has launched a nation-wide schemecovering all the States known as "SWADHAR"for the rehabilitation of women in difficult circumstances, including widows deserted in various religious places.
(c)&(d) No such list has been prepared except widows living in Vrindavan, Mathura. They are approximately 3,500 in number.